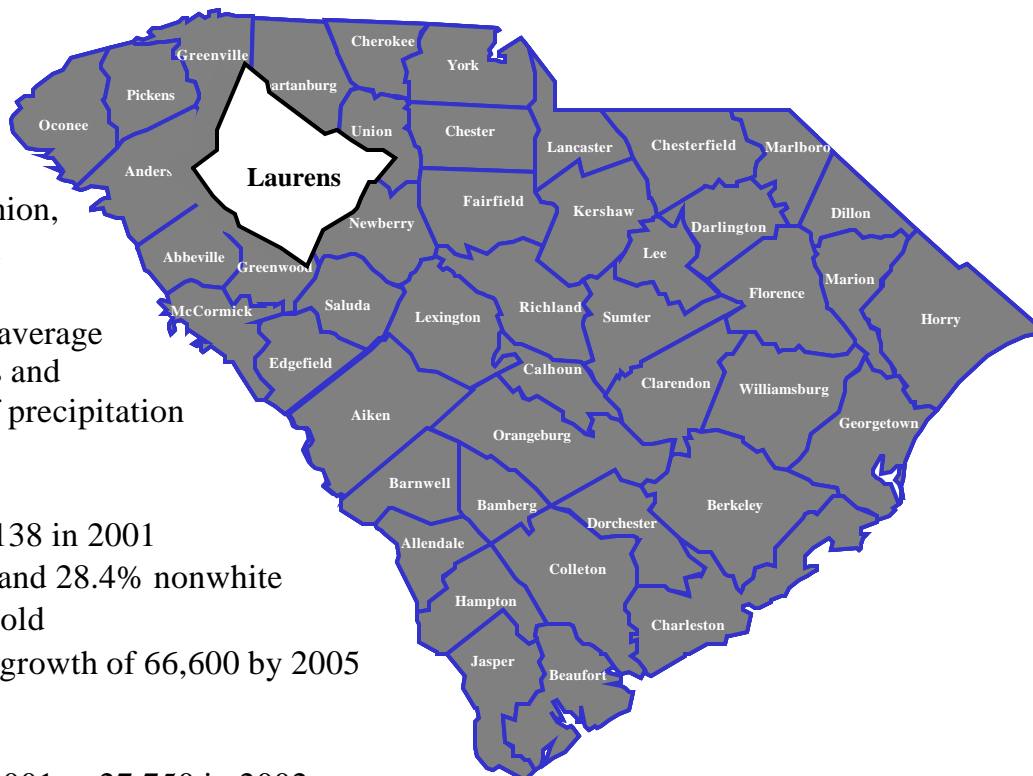


Spotlight on Laurens County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Northwest area of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Greenwood, and Abbeville Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.1 degrees and experiences 46.57 inches of precipitation



Population

- Equaled approximately 70,138 in 2001
- Comprised of 71.6% white and 28.4% nonwhite
- Median age was 36.2 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 66,600 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 28,750 in 2001 to 27,750 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.5% in 2001 to 10.4% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 24,860 in 2002

Per Capita Income

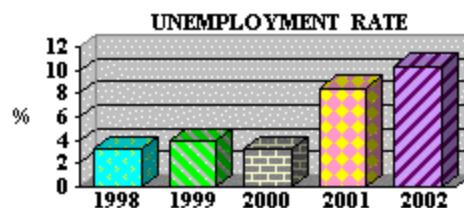
- Per capita income for the County was \$21,331 in 2001
- It was 86% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Clinton Workforce Center, serving Laurens County, paid \$10,106,265 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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